

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charge information processing apparatus for calculating charges required for working as a franchisee that provides automobile repairing services by a specific repairing method comprising:

an inputting device for inputting information; and

a charge calculating device for calculating introduction expenses of facilities required for working as the franchisee that provides the automobile repairing services by the specific repairing method based on the information inputted by said inputting device.

2. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said inputting information is a scale information of a repair shop, and said charge calculating device calculates said introduction expenses based on the scale information of the repair shop.

3. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said charge calculating device further calculates an instruction fee of said specific repairing method, a royalty, and prices of repairing instruments and repairing materials required for implementing said specific repairing method.

4. A charge information processing apparatus according

to claim 3, wherein said specific repairing method comprises a method using procedures, repairing instruments, and repairing materials that are devised to complete repairs in a short time.

5. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said specific repairing method comprises a method using procedures, repairing instruments, and repairing materials that are devised to perform repairs for low charges.

6. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said specific repairing method includes a repairing process in which usage amounts of repairing materials are defined.

7. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 4 or 5, wherein said repairing instruments are provided with measuring device for measuring repairing materials in the amounts corresponding to said usage amounts.

8. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 4 or 5, wherein said repairing method includes a repairing process in which usage duration of said repairing instruments is defined.

9. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said repairing instruments are provided with timing device for timing such that usage is finished in

said usage duration.

10. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said specific repairing method is targeting at repairing slight damages of automobiles.

11. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a first repairing material inventory managing device for managing inventories of repairing materials to be supplied to franchisees.

12. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

an instructing material inventory managing device for managing inventories of instructing materials for instructing franchisees on said specific repairing method.

13. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a franchisee information managing device for managing information of franchisees; and

a franchisee number managing device for managing the number of franchisees for each region.

14. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising:

a branching plan information preparing device for outputting information for preparing a branching plan based

on the number of franchisees for each region that is managed by said franchisee number managing device.

15. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a sales information acquiring device for acquiring sales information of franchisees;

a gross sales managing device for managing the sales information of franchisees acquired by said sales information acquiring device;

a gross sales estimating device for calculating gross sales estimation in a predetermined period based on the sales information that is managed by said gross sales managing device; and

a demand estimating device for estimating demands of repairing materials based on the results of the gross sales estimation calculated by said gross sales estimating device.

16. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said sales information acquiring device acquires sales information from an estimation apparatus that calculates estimations for automobile repairing services by said specific repairing method via communicating device.

17. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said inputting information is a scale information of a repair shop, further comprising:

an introduction plan information preparing device for preparing introduction plan information of facilities required for working as a franchisee based on the scale information of a repair shop inputted by said inputting device.

18. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said calculating device calculates the introduction expenses based on the introduction plan information prepared by said introduction plan information preparing device.

19. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said charge calculating device calculates an amount totaling the introduction expenses, the instructing fee, the royalty, and the prices of repairing instruments and repairing materials.

20. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a notifying device for notifying a charge collection handling agent of a request for collection handling of the total amount.

21. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 19 further comprising:

an outputting device for outputting the introduction expenses, the instructing fee, the royalty, the prices of

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repairing instruments and repairing materials, and the total amount thereof calculated by said charge calculating device after editing them in a predetermined document format.

22. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said outputting device is an image display apparatus.

23. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said outputting device is a printer.

24. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 22 or 23, wherein said predetermined document format is either an estimate format or an invoice format.

25. A franchise system comprising:

a charge information processing apparatus for calculating charges required for working as a franchisee that provides automobile repairing services by a specific repairing method;

an estimation apparatus for calculating estimations of the automobile repairing services of said specific repairing method; and

a communicating device for communicating data between said charge information processing apparatus and said estimation apparatus,

wherein said charge information processing apparatus comprises charge calculating device for calculating

introduction expenses of facilities required for providing said automobile repairing services, an instructing fee for instructing said specific repairing method, a royalty, and prices of repairing instruments and repairing materials required for implementing said specific repairing method.

26. A franchise system according to claim 25, wherein said estimating apparatus is further provided with second repairing material inventory managing device for managing inventories of repairing materials owned by franchisees.

27. A franchise system according to claim 26, wherein said estimation apparatus is further provided with order information outputting device for outputting information for ordering repairing materials.

28. A franchise system according to claim 27, wherein said estimation apparatus is further provided with sales managing device for managing information on sales by providing the automobile repairing services based on said specific repairing method.

29. A charge information processing apparatus for calculating introduction expenses of facilities required for working as a franchisee that provides automobile repairing services by a specific repairing method comprising:

a storage apparatus storing charge calculation base data for calculating introduction expenses corresponding to scale

information of an automobile repair shop;

an inputting device for inputting the scale information of the automobile repair shop; and

an charge calculating device for calculating the introduction expenses based on the inputted scale information and said charge calculation base data stored in said storage apparatus.

30. A charge information processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein said charge calculation base data is an introduction plan table associating the scale information of the repair shop with introduction plan information, and a charge list, and said charge calculating device reads out introduction plan information corresponding to the inputted scale information with reference to said introduction plan table, and calculates the introduction expenses based on the read out introduction plan information and the charge list.

31. A charge calculating method for calculating introduction expenses of facilities required for working as a franchisee that provides automobile repairing services by a specific repairing method comprising:

inputting scale information of an automobile repair shop; and

calculating the introduction expenses based on the inputted scale information and charge calculation base data

stored in a storage apparatus.

32. A recording medium recording a program for causing a computer to execute:

inputting scale information of an automobile repair shop; and

calculating introduction expenses based on the inputted scale information and charge calculation base data stored in a storage apparatus.

33. A program for causing a computer to execute:

inputting scale information of an automobile repair shop; and

calculating introduction expenses based on the inputted scale information and charge calculation base data stored in a storage apparatus.